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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Bakersfield – Two Arrested After Officer Assaulted in Traffic Stop

(U) Police arrested two people yesterday following a traffic stop. While searching the vehicle, officers found body armor and a loaded gun. During the subsequent arrest, one of the suspects attempted to assault an officer with a hypodermic needle, but the officer got away unharmed. One of the individuals was arrested on charges of possession of stolen property, conspiracy, and firearm charges while the other on charges of assaulting an officer, felonious possession of body armor and a firearm, and gang-related charges.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, KBAK/KBFX News

(U) Guinda – Armed Robbers Steal Marijuana from Commercial Grow

(U) The Yolo County Sheriff's Office is investigating an early-morning home invasion on 5 December in which armed robbers made off with 600 pounds of processed marijuana from a commercial grow site operating out of a residence. The owner of the property was forced into a garage by the suspects, but was able to escape and hide from the robbers until they left. Police believed that the house was targeted because of the marijuana grow operation that was being conducted there.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Sacramento Bee

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Drone Delivers Marijuana into Prison

(U) Pelham – A newly piloted drone tracker alarm helped prison guards discover that a drone was used to deliver marijuana into Autry State Prison on 4 December. While there was no sighting of a drone by staff, an inner and outer sweep of the facility recovered two packages containing a large amount of marijuana that was left behind by the drone, according to a report from the Georgia Department of Corrections.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Ledger-Enquirer

(U) Nebraska – Marijuana Seized, Two Men Arrested Along Highway

(U) Seward – Two men from California were stopped along Interstate-80 in Seward County by Nebraska State Patrol, who conducted a vehicle search after smelling marijuana and subsequently discovered six bags—totaling 127 pounds—of marijuana concealed within their vehicle. Officers arrested the men on suspicion of possession for sale and suspicion of lacking a drug tax stamp.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Associated Press

(U) Virginia – Trial Delayed for Ex-Metro Transit Cop, First Officer in US Charged with Terrorism

(U) Alexandria – A judge has ordered a delay in the trial of the first ever US law enforcement officer to be charged with a terrorism offense. The former officer was arrested last year in a government sting and under surveillance since 2010—allegedly bought gift cards he intended to give to ISIS, but instead gave them to an FBI source.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Associated Press

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(U) District of Columbia – US Officials say ISIS Recruiter Influenced Ohio State Attacker

(U) Washington – Abdullah Ibrahim al-Faisal—a Jamaica-based recruiter for ISIS—was recently sanctioned by the US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control. Faisal is believed to have directly or indirectly influenced numerous terrorists, including Ohio State University attacker Abdul Razak Ali Artan; Faisal Shahzad, the attempted Times Square bomber in New York City in 2010; Mohammed Chowdury, who planned and attempted to bomb the London Stock Exchange in 2010; Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the underwear bomber in 2009; two of the four attackers in the 2005 bombings in London; and Richard Reid, the 2001 shoe bomber. Faisal is also accused of using online applications and networks to facilitate the travel of others to join ISIS, and for advising them on how to evade detection by law enforcement. SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Dayton Daily News

(U) District of Columbia - ATF, FBI Arrest 28 in Massive Gun and Drug Sting

(U) Washington – More than 300 law enforcement agents conducted a massive gun and drug sting operation—called Tin Panda—yesterday morning, resulting in the arrest of 28 suspects in the greater Washington DC area. With the assistance of several local law enforcement agencies, authorities say they began investigating members of the Bloods gang and their involvement in violent crime, drugs and guns in Northern Virginia. The operation uncovered drugs—to include cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and marijuana—and more than five dozen firearms.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Fox 5 News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) England – Would-Be ISIS Fighter Allegedly Encouraged Attack on UK's Prince George

(U) London – Husnain Rashid, 31, from Lancashire, northern England, posted details of the elementary school attended by Queen Elizabeth II's great-grandson on the encrypted messaging app Telegram. Prosecutors allege that Rashid was planning to join ISIS in Syria but had also posted the information to encourage an attack on Prince George. Rashid faces two charges of preparing acts of terrorism and assisting others to commit acts of terrorism.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, NBC News

(U) England - Number of UK Terrorism Arrests Hits Record High

(U) London – The number of people arrested over terrorism-related offences in Britain has risen by 54% to 400 in one of the most intense periods for attacks in recent history. The UK Home Office said the increase was due partly to the arrests made after the attacks in London and Manchester, bringing the total to the highest number since records began in 2001. The Director General of MI5 spoke in October of a dramatic upshift in the threat this year to the "highest tempo in his 34-year career." SOURCE: 7 December 2017, The Guardian

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Mexican National Admits to Illegal Border Crossing That Killed Three

(U) Laredo – Twenty-five-year-old Omar Gonzalez-Herrera of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, pleaded guilty on 4 December to charges that he was attempting to lead a group of people across the Texas border when three died—including a 5-year-old boy—after being swept away by rushing waters. Herrera was to be paid \$1,500 to help 14 people cross illegally into Texas near Laredo, according to authorities. Herrera faces up to life in prison.

SOURCE: 6 December 2017, Associated Press

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